

House Resolution No. 3469

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents whose significant contributions of time and energy help ensure that the federal government provides its much-needed services and programs in the efficient, effective manner mandated by the public; and

Whereas, Lawrence E. "Larry" Olson of Warrensburg, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a County Executive Director for the United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency, a leadership role that he will draw to a close on July 18, 2008, in well-deserved retirement after thirty-eight years of federal service; and

Whereas, a veteran of the United States Army, Larry Olson additionally has served as a member of the Farmer Advisory Board for Congressman Ike Skelton, board member of the Public Water Supply District #1, commander of American Legion Post 131, president and district director of the Missouri Association of Farm Service Agency County Office Employees, and the midwest area legislative chairman of the National Association of Farm Service Agency County Office Employees; and

Whereas, during his illustrious tenure with the Johnson County Farm Service Bureau, Larry Olson has developed and maintained an excellent reputation for his efforts in training, employing college students, utilizing computer technology, assisting drought stricken farmers and ranchers in Oklahoma, lending his expertise to the state level of government, and supporting men and women in the military overseas; and

Whereas, no stranger to honors and accolades, Larry Olson received an Administrator's Award from the federal Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC; and

Whereas, Larry Olson also deserves mention of his interest in Civil War reenactments and rank of Sergeant in Missouri Company A of the 5th Division of the Confederate States of America; and

Whereas, Larry Olson is justifiably proud to be known as the loving father of Libby Palmer, father-in-law of Trevor Palmer, and grandfather of Connor Palmer:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life and work of Larry Olson and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Lawrence E. "Larry" Olson of Warrensburg, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative David Pearce
District No. 121

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3469, adopted June 20, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker